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SUBJ: IRAN TO OPEN EMBASSY IN COLOMBO AND PERHAPS TANANARIVE

1. IRAN WILL SOON OPEN EMBASSY IN COLOMBO(AND PROBABLY ALSO TANANARIVE). MFA OFFICIAL TOLD POLCOUNS MOVE WAS RELATED TO SHAH'S INTEREST IN CLOSER COOPERATION WITH INDIAN OCEAN COUNTRIES IN POLITICAL, SECRUITY AND ECONOMIC AREAS. IRAN ALREADY HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SRI LANKA BUT BOTH COUNTRIES ARE REPRESENTED BY CONCURRENTLY ACCREDITED AMBASSADORS RESIDENT IN ISLAMABAD. OPENING OF NEW GOI EMBASSY IN COLOMBO, PROBABLY WITHIN NEXT TWO MONTHS, IS INTENDED TO DEMONSTRATE IRAN'S EXPANDING INTEREST IN REGION. SRI LANKA IS NOT EXPECTED TO SEND RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO TEHRAN IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. HASSAN IZADI, HEAD OF MFA'S PERSIAN GULF DEPARTMENT AND FORMER DCM IN WASHINGTON, THINKS HE MAY BE SELECTED FOR COLOMBO POST, FIRST AS PERMANENT CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND PERHAPS LATER AS AMBASSADOR(PLEASE PROTECT UNTIL ANNOUNCEMENT IS MAKE).
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